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SUBJ: CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERN TO IMPROVE TELEPHONE NETWORK

1. ACCORDING CENTRAL PRESS AUGUST 4, CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF TELEPHONE NETWORK IN CITIES, DISTRICT CENTERS AND FACTORY HOUSING AREAS. GROWTH OF TELEPHONE NETWORK CONTINUES TO LAG BEHIND GROWING DEMAND OCCASIONED BY RAPID GROWTH IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. RESULT IS THAT NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN DISTRICT CENTERS AND FACTORY HOUSING AREAS, REMAIN FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS.

2. COMMENT: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM INDICATES THAT LAG OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BEHIND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUS PROBLEM AFFECTING SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF INHABITANTS AND THAT CC FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DEVOTE GREATER ATTENTION TO SOLVING THIS PROBLEM THAN ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED IN NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
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